

17TH ECO SUMMIT

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July 3-4, 2025
Khankendi, Azerbaijan

Summary Record

The 17th Summit of the Economic Cooperation Organization (ECO) was held in Khankendi, Azerbaijan on July 3-4, 2025, under the theme of "**New ECO Vision for a Sustainable and Climate-Resilient Future**". The Meeting was attended by:

H.E. Mr. Ilham Aliyev,
President of the Republic of Azerbaijan

H.E. Dr. Masoud Pezeshkian,
President of the Islamic Republic of Iran

H.E. Mr. Sadyr Zhaparov,
President of the Kyrgyz Republic

H.E. Mr. Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif,
Prime Minister of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan

H.E. Mr. Emomali Rahmon,
President of the Republic of Tajikistan

H.E. Mr. Recep Tayyip Erdoğan,
President of the Republic of Türkiye

H.E. Mr. Shavkat Mirziyoyev,
President of the Republic of Uzbekistan

H.E. Mr. Olzhas Bektenov,
Prime Minister of the Republic of Kazakhstan

H.E. Mr. Abdul Ghani Baradar
Deputy Prime Minister of Afghanistan

H.E. Mr. Rashid Meredov
Deputy Chairman of the Cabinet of Ministers/Foreign Minister of Turkmenistan

The 17th Summit was also attended by H.E. Mr. Ersin Tatar, President of the Turkish Cypriot State, as an ECO Observer.

On the invitation of the Government of Azerbaijan, the following Special Guests also attended the 17th ECO Summit:

1. H.E. Mr. Abubakar Atiku Bagudu, Minister of Budget and Economic Planning of Nigeria;
2. H.E. Mr. Sultan bin Ahmed Al Jaber, Minister of Industry and Advanced Technology of UAE;
3. H.E. Ambassador Essam bin Saleh Al-Jutaili, Special Envoy of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia;
4. H.E. Ms. Armida Salsiah Alisjahbana, Under-Secretary General and Executive Secretary of UNESCAP;
5. H.E. Ambassador Isiaka Abdulqadir Imam, Secretary General of D-8;
6. H.E. Ambassador Kubanychbek Omuraliev, Secretary General of OTS;
7. H.E. Mr. Young Tae Kim, Secretary General of ITF;
8. H.E. Mr. Ambassador Kairat Sarybay, Secretary General of CICA;
9. H.E. Mr. Asset Assavbayev, Secretary General of TRACECA;
10. H.E. Mr. Ambassador Aftab Ahmad Khoker, Assistant Secretary General for Science and Technology of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation.

Rapporteurs of the Business, Youth and Women Forums also attended the meeting.

H.E. Dr. Asad M. Khan, ECO Secretary General along with the relevant members of his team was also in attendance at the Summit. *List of participants is attached at **Annex-I**.*

Agenda Item No. 1

Opening of the Event

➤ Welcoming Remarks and Statement by Honourable President of the Republic of Azerbaijan as the host and Chairman of the 17th ECO Summit

1. As the host of 17th ECO Summit, the Honourable President of the Republic of Azerbaijan, H.E. Mr. Ilham Aliyev warmly welcomed the Heads of State/Government, ECO Observer, Special Guests and the ECO Secretary General to Khankendi for participation in the event. He delivered a detailed statement, highlighting Azerbaijan's policies and programs for the continued promotion of regional economic cooperation. *His statement is attached as **Annex-II**.*

➤ Remarks by the Honourable President of the Republic of Uzbekistan as the Chairman of the 16th ECO Summit

2. The Honourable President of the Republic of Uzbekistan, H.E. Mr. Shavkat Mirziyoyev delivered his statement, covering Uzbekistan's reflections on ECO and the importance of diversified economic cooperation for sustainability and development in the region. *His statement is attached as **Annex-III**.*

➤ Election of the Chairman

3. On proposal of the Chairman of 16th ECO Summit, the Honourable President of the Republic of Azerbaijan, H.E. Mr. Ilham Aliyev was unanimously elected as Chairman of the 17th ECO Summit.

Agenda Item No. 2

Adoption of the Agenda

4. Following agenda was adopted by the Summit:

1) Opening of the Event:

- Welcoming Remarks and Statement by Honourable President of the Republic of Azerbaijan as a host of 17th ECO Summit;
- Remarks by the Honourable President of the Republic of Uzbekistan as the Chairman of the 16th ECO Summit;
- Election of the Chairman.

2) Adoption of the Agenda

3) Statements/Remarks by:

- ECO Heads of State/Government;
- ECO Observer and Special Guests;
- Rapporteurs of the ECO Business, Youth and Women Forums;
- ECO Secretary General.

4) Treaty Event;

5) Date and Venue of the next Summit;

6) Closing remarks by the Chairman and Vote of Thanks

Agenda Item No.3

Statements by ECO Heads of State/Government, ECO Observer, Special Guests and Rapporteurs

5. In their statements, the Heads of ECO Member States/Government, ECO Observer, Special Guests and Rapporteurs while commenting on the growing peace and security challenges faced in the region and beyond, and underscored the need for greater unity, solidarity and enhanced collaboration amongst the member countries in order to advance regions development and sustainable economic progress. *Copies of their statements are attached as **Annex-IV, Annex-V, Annex-VI** and **Annex-VII**.*

Statements by ECO Secretary General

6. The ECO Secretary General Dr. Asad M. Khan made a comprehensive statement, briefing the highest leadership of the Member States on ECO's sectoral and non-sectoral programs and projects as well and global activities of the Organization. *His statement is attached as **Annex-VIII**.*

Agenda Item No.4

Treaty Event

7. A Treaty Event was held and H.E. Mr. Yerlan Akkenzhenov, Minister of Energy of the Republic of Kazakhstan, signed the Charter of the Clean Energy Center as the sixth signatory, reaffirming the growing commitment of ECO member states to sustainable energy collaboration.

Agenda Item No.5

Date and venue of the next Summit

8. The Summit welcomed proposal of H.E. President Masoud Pezeshkian, to host next 18th ECO Summit in Iran. Dates of the next Summit will be finalized through diplomatic channels and conveyed to the Member States in due course.

Agenda Item No.6

Closing remarks by the Chairman and Vote of Thanks

9. The Chairman of the 17th ECO Summit, H.E. Mr. Ilham Aliyev, President of the Republic of Azerbaijan, extended his heartfelt appreciation to all participating Heads of State and Government, ECO Observer, esteemed delegates, special guests and Business, Women and Youth Forum leaders, for their active engagement and valuable contributions to the success of the Summit. He underscored the symbolic significance of holding the Summit in Khankendi, Karabakh, reflecting a new era of peace, resilience and regional solidarity.

10. The Chairman also expressed deep gratitude to H.E. Dr. Asad M. Khan, the ECO Secretary General and his team for their meticulous efforts in facilitating the Summit's organization, as well as their continued dedication to advancing the Organization's goals. He further commended the strong spirit of fraternity demonstrated throughout the proceedings and reaffirmed Azerbaijan's commitment to the shared vision of regional integration, prosperity and sustainable development.
